

Council Meeting

January 17, 2012

Meeting called to order by President Bill Spaetti. Parties present are as follows: Spaetti, Waninger, Knepper, Kress, Kroeger, Bunner, Winsett, Attorney John Wetherill and Auditor Donna J. Lynam.

Minutes

December 20, 2011 minutes; Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Knepper seconded. All were in favor.

Probation User Fee - Winkler

Auditors Payroll deputy Autumn Winkler, came before the Council to discuss Honorable Judge Dartt's budget. In 2011 he did not request \$12,500 for his probation clerk's insurance. Winkler requested the approval from the council to request the Honorable Judge Dartt to request an additional for \$12,500. It was approved by council for Winkler to proceed.

Additional

Probation User fee

President of Council Spaetti asked Auditor Lynam if by approving the \$580 dollars to probation user fee that would make all of the Secretary's in Honorable Judge Dartt's office salaries the same. Lynam stated yes. All secretaries in Dartt's office are paid \$29,560. However, Janice

Sisley is paid \$28,980. Kress made a motion to make adjustment to increase probation user fee by \$580 dollars. Waninger seconded. All were in favor.

Health

Donna Etienne came before the Council to request approval to use \$11,000 for the Emergency Preparedness program. Purchases will be used for the following: Supplies, hardware, (Backup servers for all of the health department computers) and monitors for emergency access 24/7. The money is grant money that is approved by the State of Indiana. Etienne submits a request to the state prior to coming before the council for their approval. In 2010, \$10,000 was the requested amount used for this program. After this money is spent the State reimburses the money back to the county. Kress made a motion to approve Etienne's request. Bunner seconded. All were in favor.

Annual Appropriations

The annual appropriations will follow these council minutes (In Council Minute Book). Annual Appropriations are determined the beginning of each year for funds that had balances in them that rolled back into the county general account at the end of previous year (2011). These amounts when placed back into their funds can be used by the appropriate department without having to come back to the council for an amount that already has been approved. The last two are not Annual Appropriations but are for commitments already made of which when the payments come due the Auditor's office will have the funds to release to make the payments in a timely matter. Knepper made a motion to approve the annual appropriations. Kress seconded. All were in favor.

Transfer

Jail-County General

Sheriff Lindsey requested a transfer of funds in the Sheriff's budget as follows: Increase account 105-4113.00 Detective Sergeant \$34,410.00 and to Decrease account 105-4114.02 Deputy Sergeant \$34,410.00. Jim McDurmon came before the council to discuss transfer. Kroeger asked if Detective and Deputy Sergeant make the same amount of pay. McDurmon responded to Kroeger with a yes. Bunner made a motion to approve the transfer. Kress seconded. All were in favor.

Tourism

Melissa Wilkinson came before the Council to discuss the Tourism Annual Report. The Counties New Lodging Facilities include: 1) Silent Night Golf and Vacation Rentals has opened by Christmas Lake Golf Course. They had two units in 2011 and are expanding to four units this year (2012). 2) Lake Rudolph Campground and RV Resort added 25 new Lake Rudolph Christmas Cabins. 3) Santa's Cottages added four additional cottages.

Two new tourism businesses: 1) Monkey Hollow Winery near St. Meinrad and Fulda 2) Santa's Stables near Golf Course in Santa Claus. Holiday World added some children friendly rides, Restoration of the Santa Claus statue and two cabins in Lincoln Pioneer Village and Museum. The Capitol Christmas Tree visited Santa Claus Indiana in December and Forbes Magazine declared the Town of Santa Claus Indiana one of the world's top Christmas destinations.

Workmen's Compensation

Auditor Lynam included a letter from Bituminous concerning Coroners need for Protective equipment for his deputies. There was discussion. David Gogel and Mickey Toler both were present in the meeting and discussed the matter as well with the council.

Drainage Board

Al Logsdon came before the council to discuss requested funds for the drainage board. The Drainage Board advisory board met December 1, 2011. Logsdon provided the council with a detailed report of that meeting. Logsdon stated surveyor Herron was at that meeting but was unavailable for todays meeting. Logsdon requested 1/2 of the following in funds:

2012 Request for funding to improve the listed streams

<u>Stream</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>
Anderson River	\$ 5,000
Big Sandy Creek	5,000
Crooked Creek	3,000
Garrett Creek	10,000
Lake drain and tributaries	10,000
Tower Drain	1,850-----Amount due in 2012
Miscellaneous	<u>15,000</u>
Total	\$ 49,850

Logsdon stated he is requesting one-half of amounts now so when the ground dries up they will be able to begin work on Garrett Creek. Spaetti stated to clarify. Last spring (2011) it was so wet to begin work drainage board was only able to do minimal work spending only \$11,797. Kress made a motion to approve Logsdon to be able to request \$25,000 out of Rainy Day. Winsett seconded. All were in favor. Logsdon will make formal request at next meeting after the drainage board meets. Winsett committed on the great work drainage board provides to the county.

The Way

Ron Conner came before the Council to discuss "The Way" and his letter of request and proposal of \$25,000 support from the County. Conner stated that God has blessed "The Way". The people... "The Way" serves is growing every day. Average cost of a prison bed is \$29,000 per year. Conner came before the Commissioners at an earlier meeting today to ask for a recommendation from the Commissioners for their support to the Spencer County Council for the \$25,000. All three Commissioners stated their support for "The Way". All three Commissioners seconded. All Commissioners were in favor at the earlier meeting today. Brett Cieslack, Program Director was at this meeting as well. When one person finds a new life, it reaches out and touches many others. There was a great discussion on the work that "The Way" has been providing to Spencer County. The Way works hand in hand with the Community Corrections, jail, and prosecutor offices. Discussion was all that could be done at this meeting due to the fact that an additional appropriation would have to be advertised to the public of Spencer County. Kress made a motion to show approval of "The Way's" request for \$25,000. Kroeger seconded. All were in favor.

Riverboat

There was discussion as to which fund Riverboat or Rainy Day to fund the "The Way's" request of \$25,000. Kress made a motion to fund the \$25,000 in equal monthly payments out of the Riverboat fund for "The Way". Kroeger seconded. All were in favor.

LEPC Spending Plan

Al Perdue came before the Council to request approval of the LEPC Spending plan. Perdue provided the council with a complete report of 2011 expenses. The balance in the LEPC Spending plan started with \$7,544.68 dollars and took in receipts of \$6,957.91 leaving the account with a balance of \$8,688.43. The \$8,688.43 is an annual appropriation that would have rolled over into the County General account and remained there if not for the approval earlier in this meeting. (Refer back to Annual Appropriations paragraph). With Council approval the \$8,688.43 is taken back out of County General (where it rolled into at the end of December 2011) and put back into LEPC Spending Plan. Perdue was the only department that came forward to show accountability to this fund. Perdue has to send in data to the State of Indiana.

2012 Meeting Schedule

It was approved by the council to move the April meeting to the 18th, 2012 instead of the 16th. Bunner made a motion to approve. Knepper seconded. All were in favor.

Jail

Commissioner Mickey Toler came before the council to discuss the security problem at the jail. Johnson Control systems and services handle the counties security at the jail. Toler discussed needing to request \$50,000 as an additional to replace the security system. Johnson Control cannot repair the security system. Currently, the jail has only one system running in the control room. Since, this is an immediate (major) concern so that security is not it was recommended by Gogel he would prepare a letter transfer from Court House Maintenance to jail repairs (since fund is in the same series). Spaetti stated then if money is needed for Court House Maintenance Gogel can come before council to replenish Court house maintenance fund. It was agreed to proceed with letterhead transfer.

Jail Fuel

Kroeger discussed with council (and commissioners) the deficit in the jail fuel budget. The concern is not immediate because there is money in the 2012 budget. However, an additional of approximately \$43,000 will have to be made sometime this year to help to get the county highway department re-paid. There was discussion of specific mileage logs.

Adjourned

Knepper made a motion to adjourn meeting. Bunner seconded. All were in favor.

Board of Council meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. cst

President
Attest:

Donna J. Lynam, Auditor